



TANF 105-1

APPLICATION PROCESSING

Presumptive Eligibility

Supersedes:	New
References:	ARM 37.78.101
Overview:	<p>TANF Presumptive Eligibility (TPE) provides immediate cash to qualified families submitting a new TANF application. Eligible clients can receive 2 months of TPE benefits. TPE benefits count toward the allowable 60 month TANF lifetime limit.</p> <p>TPE is determined by OPA eligibility staff within 7 calendar days following the TANF Presumptive Eligibility process.</p> <p>TPE is limited to Primary Individuals once per 12-consecutive months.</p> <p>TPE cannot be provided if any household member:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Is serving a TANF penalty or ineligibility period;2. Closed TANF within 6 months due to non-compliance with either CSED or Program Compliance reviews; or3. Has used 58 or more of their allowable 60 TANF time clock months. <p>Eligibility is determined using client self-attested information and through the TANF presumptive eligibility verification process, and TPE households are not required to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Complete an interview;2. Comply with CSED; or3. Enroll in an employment and training (E&T) program.
PRESUMPTIVE ELIGIBILITY BENEFIT START DATE	<p>Clients can choose when their TPE benefits begin:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Month of application; or• The first of the month following the month of application. <p>The 1st month's benefits are not prorated.</p> <p>TANF PE payment standards are the same as TANF Cash payment standards based on the household size and circumstances.</p> <p>Supportive services are available to TPE households only upon E&T Program enrollment.</p>
EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING REFERRAL DATE	All work-eligible TANF PE households must be referred to the Employment and Training program when TPE is determined.
TRANSITION TO TANF CASH ASSISTANCE	<p>TANF PE households may transition to TANF Cash Assistance at the end of the TPE period. To transition, the household must remain eligible and:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Complete an interview2. Provide a completed child support referral (HCS-332);3. Provide verification of<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Resources;b. Earned and unearned income;c. Necessary non-financial criteria; and

	<p>4. Work-eligible household members must enroll in either the state E&T program or Tribal NEW.</p> <p>All of the above must be completed/provided by the last day of the 2nd TPE month, or by the 10th day following verification request, whichever is later.</p> <p>If the required information is not provided TANF PE closes effective the last day of the 2nd PTE month and TANF Cash is not opened.</p>
OVERPAYMENTS	TANF PE benefits can be recouped to reduce an existing client-caused TANF cash overpayment.
EFFECTIVE DATE:	January 2017